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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I, along with many others, am writing to ask that the Department of Energy strongly recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated as the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort and tax payer dollars have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a safer and more secure option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been safely handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. However, this was always intended to be a temporary measure, until a permanent facility is sited and built.

The requirement to store spent fuel at nuclear facilities will become more of a burden and a distraction for nuclear operators as time goes on. It is increasingly imperative that the initial startup of a suitable permanent facility take place soon.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

J. J. Hearn

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